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Half Moon Bay: Let's Talk About Housing!

All are invited to a community conversation on housing and our community

Half Moon Bay, CA – Many people in Half Moon Bay are asking these and other questions about one of the most timely and critical issues we face as a community:

- What does the future of housing look like in Half Moon Bay?
- What mix of housing options and programs will help our community to thrive?

The City of Half Moon Bay and Home for All San Mateo County are hosting an educational community conversation that will help us all gain a better understanding of the local housing situation. Participants will learn about the current housing situation in our community, share experiences and ideas, and explore how the community can work together to address Half Moon Bay's housing needs. This community conversation is being held with support from the Half Moon Bay Library.

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Community Conversation – Sunday, July 15

1 pm - Doors open for free lunch

1:30 to 3:30 pm - Community conversation

Ted Adcock Community Center, 535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay

This is a family-friendly event with refreshments plus activities for children. Spanish translation will be provided. It's a great opportunity for people from different parts of Half Moon Bay to talk, listen, and learn together. [Please RSVP here \(www.hmbtalks.eventbrite.com\)](http://www.hmbtalks.eventbrite.com) so that we can have enough food and materials for everyone .

"The City Council's recent Listening Sessions confirmed that housing is one of the highest-priority issues for our community," said Half Moon Bay Mayor Deborah Penrose. "This is an important conversation we must have, and it will be most productive by including a broad cross-section of our community. Together, we'll learn more, we'll explore options, and we'll discover opportunities."

People who are newer to the discussion about housing are particularly welcome at this community conversation. A mix of short presentations and small group discussions will help people from all backgrounds to be able to contribute their thoughts and perspectives.

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Home for All (www.homeforallsmc.com) is a community collaborative addressing the housing challenge in San Mateo County by promoting the preservation and production of all types of housing through sharing information, promoting innovation, and convening the community.

Half Moon Bay applied for and was awarded a grant to pilot new approaches to community engagement on the topic of housing. The grant provides technical assistance from Home for All and consultant Common Knowledge Plus (www.ckgroup.org), as well as funds to help conduct engagement that is inclusive, informed, and sustained.

Located 28 miles south of San Francisco, the City of Half Moon Bay is a community of about 12,500 people, situated on the peninsula between forested hills and some of the most beautiful coastlines that California has to offer. Its historic downtown is home to numerous shops, art galleries, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and other businesses, and its celebrated beaches and parks are wonders of nature, accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians. With its many activities and events, beautiful natural scenery, old-town charm, and abundance of retail and commercial services, Half Moon Bay is a regional destination. The City's website is www.hmbcity.com.

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